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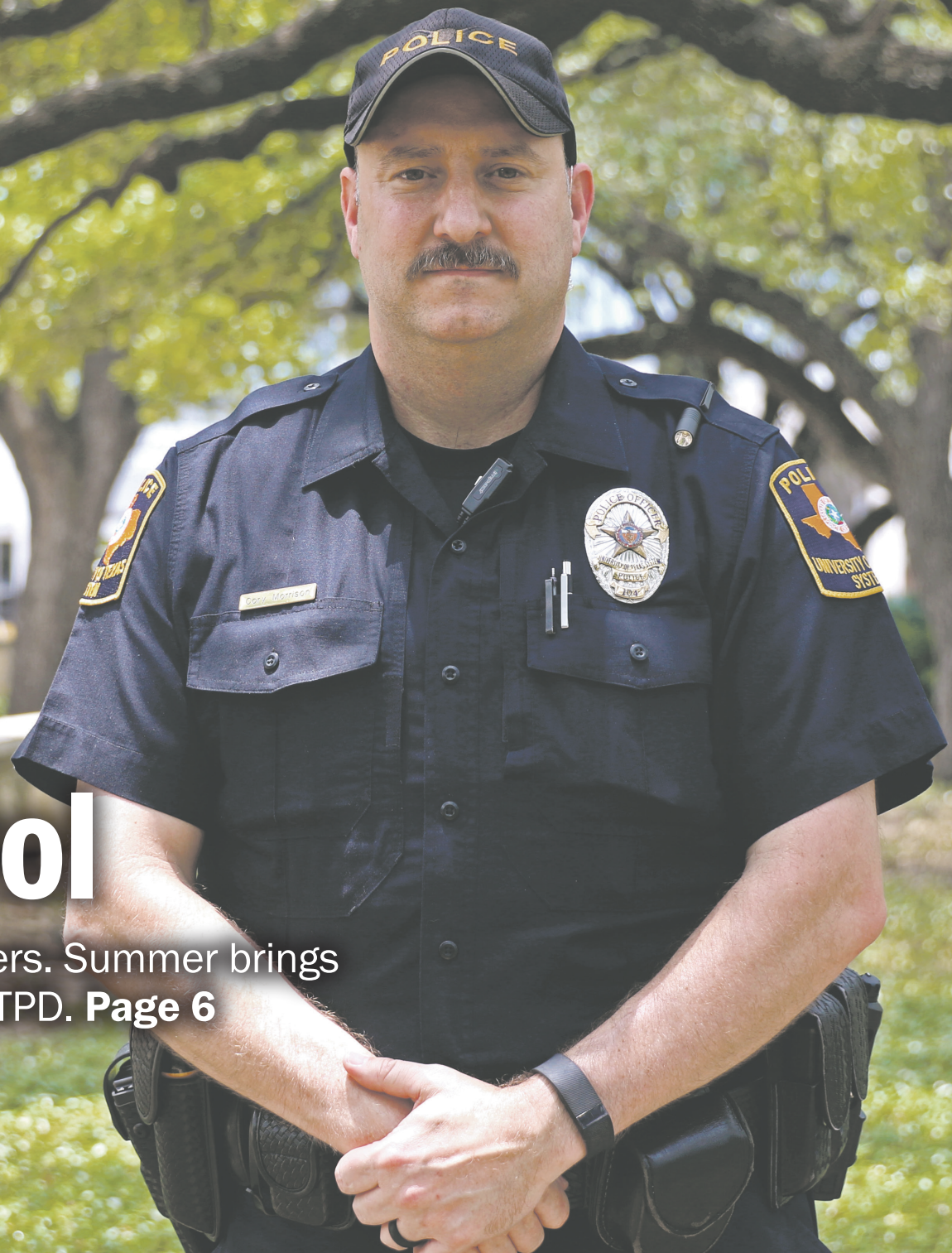
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CITY

'March Against Sharia' met with fierce protests

By Albert Zhao
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An anti-Islam activist group hosted a march against Sharia law and faced dozens of counter-protesters at the Texas Capitol on Saturday.

ACT for America's March Against Sharia took place in cities across the nation out of fear that a growing Muslim American population will threaten the Constitution and introduce practices such as child marriage and female genital mutilation, according to the event's Facebook page.

Sharia law is a set of principles that governs how a Muslim should live based on interpretations of the Quran. Islamic scholars frequently debate about what constitutes Sharia.

The marchers carried Make America Great Again gear, signs that warned of Sharia law replacing U.S. laws and shirts with numerous allegiances that ranged from Oath Keepers to Infowars.

Trinity University sophomore Arisha Ali, who joined the counter-protest against ACT, said the marchers misunderstood Sharia, as some thought the law meant the suppression of all women.

As a Muslim, Ali said Sharia is subject to a multitude of interpretations, which most Muslims do not prescribe to extremist versions of.

"Sharia is up to each person," Ali said. "It's an

individual thing, and it's not something that everyone can have the same definition for."

Counter-protesters, many of them masked in bandanas, attempted to disrupt the marchers with chants, whistles, pots and pans. Their efforts prevented a planned keynote from an ACT representative and occasionally interrupted media interviews with marchers.

Alana Brandt, an international relations and global studies junior who chanted with the counter-protesters, said their tactics were warranted because the ACT marchers' rhetoric against Muslims should be "shut down as much as possible."

"(The marchers') flags are absurd," Brandt said. "I mean the Confederate flag and the white supremacist symbols are unfathomable."

Two days ago, ACT for America canceled its Arkansas march upon learning that "the organizer is associated with white supremacist groups," according to a press release. In the Austin march, the Confederate flag and red cross symbols that referenced the Crusades were on display.

State troopers formed a line that separated the marchers from the protesters and blocked off sections of East 11th Street in order to prevent traffic from coming through. Later on, state troopers in riot gear were deployed to further demarcate opposing crowds.

Scenes of counter-protesters colliding with the shields of the state troopers caused more law enforcement to arrive, but no arrests were made.

"I thought law enforcement's response was overly aggressive ... but there may have been a reason why they needed protective gear," said Ryan Goldsteen, a Tex-Mex waiter who stood with the counter-protest.

State troopers did not respond to requests for comment on what prompted them to use riot gear.

Several demonstrators from both sides openly displayed their firearms. Goldsteen said this display escalated tensions and hindered discourse with the other side.

"When you bring guns into this, that just brings more hostility," Goldsteen said. "At some point, we're going to have to take a step and engage people because not all these people are fascists."

The protests dwindled by early afternoon.



Albert Zhao | Daily Texan Staff

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GUEST EDITORIAL

Campus murders demand united university response

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Editor's note: The University of Maryland and UT have experienced similar traumas related to campus climate. Recognizing the national importance of this conversation, our editorial boards wrote to one another's campuses on the subject. This is an abridged version of The Diamondback's staff editorial. For the full piece, The Texan's editorial and related multimedia content, please visit our website.

The University of Maryland has touted its status as an institution that values diversity and inclusion since long before the rising seniors were prospective students hearing the facts and figures for the first time.

If the events of the past year are any indication, this university's reputation does not exempt its students from violent, racist events surfacing at schools all over the country.

Public school teachers are grappling with students' use of hateful language taken verbatim from our nation's president to bully minority students. Nine miles down the road, nooses and bananas were found hanging from trees to intimidate black students at American University.

Last summer, UMD Police deployed pepper spray to disperse a graduation party of primarily black students. In the following academic year, there were 13 reported hate bias incidents, numerous white nationalist posters littered throughout the campus and multiple protests demanding the administration properly address the divisive campus climate.

Then in the spring, Richard Collins, a visiting black student, was fatally stabbed on the campus. The killing is being investigated as a hate crime, and Sean Urbanski, a UMD student, was charged with murder in the stabbing.

The University of Texas is halfway across the country and not a peer institution. And although UT's campus faced a stabbing the



Two schools separated by distance, two states separated by ideology, are facing the same violent, threatening occurrences year after year.

same month Collins was killed, police said it was likely a mental health concern.

But below the surface, the similarities are clear. UT faced two killings in a one-year span after five decades without one, while the University of Maryland faced its first homicide in more than a decade and a murder-suicide in the fall.

Racist fliers appeared on UT's campus throughout the year, resulting in what one Daily Texan columnist described as a feeble administrative response. Students held an anti-affirmative action bake sale, and the fearful campus climate was best represented at a tumultuous town hall between students and administration.

Two schools separated by distance in two states separated by ideology, are facing the same violent, threatening occurrences year after year. When a noose appears in a fraternity house, when there are racist fliers littered across campus or when a fraternity hosts a "border patrol" party, students will understandably feel unsafe.

The lukewarm administrative responses to racism until tragedy strikes has completely undermined the daily struggles minority students face. On UT's side, President Gregory Fenves faced backlash for disparities in the intensity of his responses to different student groups. UMD President Wallace Loh has faced criticism for not condemning racist incidents harshly enough before it's too late.

These hateful events have not been isolated incidents, but a culmination of events that



A vigil at Bowie State University held for student Richard Collins III, who was fatally stabbed on the University of Maryland campus. His death is being investigated as a hate crime.

Jay Reed
The Diamondback Staff

have energized white supremacists at universities across the country. Reactive responses won't suffice. The past year's events require an unprecedented level of response from university administrations in College Park, Austin and across the country here to make sure students feel understood and empowered in a country struggling to define its values.

There is no right way to do it. Creating task forces, allocating funds to diversity offices and hearing student fears firsthand is a great place to start. But we must not fall into the trap of reacting strongly to a horrific tragedy and letting the results fall to the wayside as time passes and new issues emerge.

At the very least, UMD students deserve constant communication about the success of Loh's action plan — specifically the findings of the task force and whether there will be stiffer sanctions for students found responsible for carrying out hate bias incidents.

When ProtectUMD, a coalition of 25 marginalized student groups, began demanding more resources to administration in November, it set a standard of communication at this school. The list prompted Loh to review the

demands with his senior staff and, whether or not the findings were adequate or fair, the self-reflection was productive. This editorial board encourages similar unity to demand change at UT.

Long-term transparency and self-reflection are required to make both universities places where minority students feel safe and welcome — places where students aren't afraid of their peers.

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CAMPUS

Campus construction projects expand for summer

By Wesley Story

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Students may notice an increase in hard hats and caution tape on campus this summer as the University amps up its efforts on a number of ongoing construction projects.

The expansion is an attempt to get as much work completed before students return for the fall semester, said Laurie Lentz, communications manager for the Office of Campus Planning. The main campus projects include the Speedway Mall project, the Engineering Education and Research Center, Robert B. Rowling Hall, repairs to L. Theo

Bellmont Hall, an art installation outside the Blanton Museum of Art titled "Austin" and renovations to Robert A. Welch Hall.

"There are a lot of projects that go on during the summer when there are fewer students and faculty on campus," Lentz said. "When we have those opportunities to ramp up the work, we try to do that so there's less construction later on."

The Speedway Mall project, which will have cost \$75 million at its completion, is one of the bigger and more visible projects taking place. The project is moving north of 24th Street, remaining primarily on the east side

of campus, and is scheduled to expand to just a few feet north of the J.T. Patterson Labs Building by the end of August. Lentz said work on this "very long-term" project will likely go into spring 2018.

The office also decided to do work on the sewer lines under Speedway, which added additional costs and extended the time of the project by three to four months.

Alison Aydin, a human development and family sciences junior, said she feels bad for the students who will not get to experience the changes.

"I'll still be here when it's all said and done, but

it's really not fair to the people that have to deal with the construction and then graduate before it's completed," Aydin said.

Rowling Hall, the new graduate school for the McCombs School of Business located at Guadalupe Street and Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard, is scheduled to open in spring 2018.

The enclosure for the Blanton Museum's "Austin" by Ellsworth Kelly is scheduled to be completed in August. After that, construction will continue on the inside of the installation, a 2,715-square foot stone art piece located next to the Perry-Castañeda Library.

The Engineering Education

and Research Center at San Jacinto Boulevard and Dean Keeton Street will reach "substantial completion" by the end of July, and will be partially open in the fall.

Repairs to the west side of Belmont Hall are underway and should be completed near the end of August. Renovations on the 1978 wing of Welch are scheduled to begin this summer, but no completion date has been set.

Additionally, there are three main projects taking place in East Campus, on the other side of Interstate 35 near Disch-Faulk Field. Two of these projects, the Texas Tennis Center and the East

Campus parking garage, will be partly completed by the fall. Construction on the graduate student housing complex may begin as early as August.

Julie Potrykus, government and public relations junior, said there has always been construction taking place at some area of campus during her time at UT, so she's become used to it.

"Although the construction may be chaotic or a nuisance, the results are creating something really beautiful on our campus," Potrykus said. "Those little changes matter and increase the value of our community."



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New UTPD officers begin field training

Thirteen new officers for the UT Police Department started their field training Monday as part of the department's plan to increase the number of officers on staff.

With this addition, UTPD now has 91 officers on the force out of the 99 they are authorized to staff. Up until 2013, UTPD was allowed a maximum of 67 officers.

The push for more officers started when Chief David Carter took over the department in 2013. Since then, he has worked to raise the number of officers the department is authorized to staff as a way to increase UTPD's visibility both on campus and in the surrounding areas.

"(This addition) means we'll have more visibility," UTPD Lt. Jose Peña said. "We'll have more people out walking, on bike and also patrolling in the vehicles."

The 13 officers graduated from the UT System Police Academy on May 26 and will now be working with a Police Training Officer during the next 16 weeks of field training.

Peña will be overseeing the new officers during the next 16 weeks as coordinator of the Police Training Officer program.

"It's an excellent opportunity," Carter said. "When you have a large group of new officers, obviously that's a challenge to bring them up to speed, but it's also an opportunity to orient them to how to best serve our community."

In addition to the 13 graduates from the Academy, four officers will join UTPD by the end of the month as lateral transfers, or individuals who have previous experience in law enforcement. The department is hoping to hire another four lateral transfers, putting the total number of officers at 99, but it's not clear when that will happen, Peña said.

UTPD Captain Gonzalo Gonzalez said that in September, UTPD will be authorized for 100 officers.

"We're always looking for staffing models that help us increase our numbers on the street," Gonzalez said. "It all goes back to being visible, being proactive as much as you can."

Joell McNew, co-founder and vice president of the parent-led safety organization SafeHorns, likes the idea of more officers on and around campus as a way to make the campus safer.

McNew said UTPD has put a lot of energy into programs like Be Safe, which focuses on safety from an educational standpoint, but the new officers will improve safety in a more hands-on way.

"The No. 1 thing that I hear from students is they want to see infrastructure change," McNew said. "The educational portion is fine, but they want to see real change. Having more officers is definitely a good start."

One of the new officers, Vlad Zenchenko, said the concept of visibility has been encouraged during his training.

"I know visibility is big," Zenchenko said. "From what I've heard from relayed to me from the head officers is they want us to be visible, and that's being implemented in the way that we go through the day."

Zenchenko said he has worked with law enforcement in some capacity in most of his other jobs in the past. He said UTPD was the logical next step as he's figuring out his career.

"I think this is a fantastic opportunity," Zenchenko said. "I'm looking forward to whatever is to come in the next few years."



Current breakdown of UTPD officers

UTPD hires new officers to up patrol

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Current UTPD officers

13

Cadets in training

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Lateral Transfers



By Will Clark
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Police shift strategies for summer semester

UT Police Department Chief David Carter said he views the University as a medium-sized city, which has a daytime population that can swell to 80,000 people. When the school's enrollment shrinks by tens of thousands of students during the summer, certain aspects of policing that population change.

Captain Gonzalo Gonzalez said that while the department gets fewer calls during the summer, activity does not go down. Instead of responding to calls, officers are more free to patrol.

"(During the summer) we do more patrolling, so a lot of our activity tends to be self-initiated," Gonzalez said. "(The officers are) able to generate more activity on their own versus having to respond to calls."

Gonzalez also said there are fewer events like football or basketball games where the department is required to provide security, freeing up time for officers to patrol.

Despite these differences, Carter said the department remains committed to the same objectives throughout the summer as during the year.

"UTPD is a year-round police department, we're a full-service police department," Carter said. "In terms of the off-campus patrols, the expectation is the same. We don't want to overly reduce our footprint so people think there's nobody here."

Carter said that while overall traffic on campus is slower, the other areas UTPD serves, such as West Campus, remain active throughout the summer.

Lt. Jose Peña has been with the department 26 years and said summers used to be much less active.

"During the first 10, 15 years, the summer was really dead," Peña said. "Now, we're doing more in West Campus, so really it's always busy."

Carter said part of that push into West Campus began about six months after he took over the department in 2013, when bicycle units started patrolling the area. Now, officers regularly patrol West Campus both on foot and in cars year-round.

Carter said the summer months allow officers time to take vacations and an opportunity for the department to regroup.

"When we get into the summer, that gives us an opportunity to somewhat regroup and refresh," Carter said. "Training is a big part of that."

All law enforcement officers in Texas have mandated recurring training cycles to keep up to date on things such as firearm qualification.

"Sometimes we have to put off some of that training to occur during the summer when it's clearly slower on campus," Carter said.

The department also conducts other training to keep up with the needs of the campus and surrounding areas, Carter said. Specifically, this summer 13 new officers are being trained, a boost that Carter said is much needed.

"We really needed the additional officers, based on the expansion of the department and based on the needs of the University," Carter said. "I'm very pleased with our current cadre."

Throughout the summer, these new officers will report to Police Training Officers, who will oversee their training during the next 16 weeks. By the fall, UTPD also plans to hire four lateral transfers, or officers who have previous law enforcement experience, as part of the chief's push for more visibility.

"Regardless of the time of year, we maintain our posture to make sure that we're visible and approachable," Carter said.

COLUMN | BASEBALL

Longhorns plagued by one-run losses throughout postseason

By Alex Brisen
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Baseball is a cruel sport — just ask the Longhorns.

One-run losses tormented Texas early and often this season, and they hardly loosened their grip in the NCAA Tournament.

The Longhorns lost their last game of the season just like their first contest. A 3-2 loss to Rice on Opening Day on Feb. 17 was bookended three-and-a-half months and 16 one-run losses later when Texas fell 2-1 to Long Beach State on June 5. And this time, coming one run short came when Texas was one win away.

Texas jumped out to a 2-0

start in the Long Beach Regional, putting the Longhorns one win away from hosting a super regional at UFCU Disch-Falk Field. They had two opportunities to get one more win, but the Dirtbags celebrated back-to-back, one-run victories over Texas at Blair Field, advancing them to Super Regionals.

“Looking back we felt like we had the advantage, really,” junior left fielder Travis Jones said. “They did a great job battling back and fighting with us. We fought back, but at the end of the day we lost. Man, it’s pretty crappy, honestly.”

In retrospect, the consecutive one-run losses were a fitting end to the season. Not many people

were expecting a run to the College World Series in head coach David Pierce’s first year at Texas, but the season certainly ended with a lot of what ifs.

Texas didn’t have to win all 26 of its one-run games, but what if the Longhorns won just half of them? They’d be 43-20, not far from their present record, but certainly an improvement on an already solid case to host a regional.

If the Longhorns had hosted a regional, they wouldn’t have played four games in front of that raucous crowd in Long Beach, over 1000 miles from home. Texas went 27-8 at UFCU Disch-Falk Field this year, a far cry from its 12-16 record away from home.

Entering the season, one thing was for sure: Longhorn fans weren’t holding their breath for a sixth national championship. They just wanted to see some — or really any — improvement from last year, and they got it.

Despite the plethora of tough losses, Pierce certainly made Texas better in his first year. The Longhorns came within one win of a Super Regionals berth just one year removed from Augie Garrido’s final season, a year in which the Longhorns finished with a lackluster 25-32 record.

Last year didn’t come down to what ifs: Texas wasn’t even close. This year, though, the Longhorns were right there,



Joshua Guerra | Daily Texan File Photo

Texas ended its season against Long Beach State with a 2-1 loss.

just as they had been all season. And while they didn’t have enough when it mattered most, the Longhorns are in a much better place now compared

to a year ago.

It’d be premature to say Texas is back, folks, but David Pierce now has the Longhorns on the right track.



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TRACK AND FIELD

Texas falters at National Outdoor Championships

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After an impressive showing at preliminaries in which 23 Longhorns qualified for nationals, the stage was set for Texas to put on a show at the NCAA Outdoor Championships in Eugene, Oregon. However, the magnitude of the meet appeared to get the better of many Texas athletes.

The men kicked things off Wednesday in the 4x100-meter relay semifinals. The team, made up of seniors Carlton Anumnu, Aldrich Bailey Jr., Charles Anumnu, and Senoj-Jay Givans, dashed their way to a 38.68-second finish, knocking off the previous school record by half a second.

“Those four men have wanted that record for a few years now,” assistant coach Zach

Glavash said. “They had been so close on many occasions, and finally lined it up.”

But despite a strong start from the relay team, many Longhorns found it difficult to follow suit.

The biggest upset of the day came in the 400-meter hurdles, as Senior Byron Robinson entered with the No. 1 time in the country. However, in his semifinal race, Robinson clipped his last hurdle and stumbled. Unable to make up lost ground, Robinson took 10th place with a time of 49.78 seconds. He did not move on to the final round.

“I’m not mad or disappointed in Byron not making the final,” head coach Mario Sategna said. “I know every time he steps on the track he’s going to give it his best. He’s going to be one of the top 400 hurdlers representing the United States

for many years to come.”

Givans was the lone Longhorn to advance to the finals in an individual event from the men’s team. He finished seventh in the 100 meters and sixth in the 200 meters, earning First Team All-American status in both events. Combined with the relay team, Texas scored enough points to place 26th as a men’s team.

The women’s team fared far better than the men. Seven of the 11 athletes that entered the meet advanced to the final round and earned First Team All-American status.

Underclassmen Teahna Daniels and Rushelle Burton both came in third place in their individual events. Daniels, a sophomore, ran a personal best time of 11.06 seconds in the 100. Burton’s 12.65-second finish in the 100-meter

hurdles ranks as the fastest time in history for a freshman in the event.

“Every single person that stepped on the track gave their all,” associate head coach Tonja Buford-Bailey said. “Today, I feel like it was just gutsy, gutsy performances all around.”

After entering the Outdoor Championships with hopes of finishing in the top five of both the men’s and women’s categories, Texas ended its season short of expectations. Eugene wasn’t kind to the Longhorns, who now face a long offseason ahead.

“We’ll look to regroup. It goes without saying based on some of the great things we had happen, I felt like we didn’t capitalize on some things,” Sategna said. “That’s track and field. It’s not going to always go your way.”

MOVIE REVIEW | 'THE MUMMY'

Tom Cruise fails to breathe life into boring 'Mummy' remake

By Justin Jones

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Ever since the groundbreaking success of Marvel's "The Avengers" in 2012, film studios have attempted to recreate their successes. Only five years later, there are planned cinematic universes for DC Comics, Star Wars, Transformers, The Conjuring and even LEGO.

This week sees the release of "The Mummy," Universal Pictures' attempt to get in on the cinematic universe big bucks. And while it fully develops their new world, the film forgets to do the one thing a

movie actually has to do — tell a decent story.

Tom Cruise plays Nick Morton, who seems to be some kind of soldier in the Middle East at the movie's outset. Nothing in this film is ever very clear, leaving the audience to piece together much of the story.

Morton, accompanied by his adventuring pal Vail (Jake Johnson), likes to plunder ancient burial sites in his spare time and inevitably stumbles upon a cursed grave. Luckily, Jenny Halsey (Annabelle Wallis), the resident expert in Ancient Egypt, is nearby, so they call her in for assistance in looking

at the burial site. They end up taking the sarcophagus in an airplane and flying it to London for study and safekeeping.

In mid-air, the cursed mummy (Sofia Boutella) in the sarcophagus decides enough is enough and finally starts causing mayhem by crashing the plane, killing Morton and Vail. Mysteriously, Morton survives, and teams up with Halsey to figure out what is going on while being haunted by the mummy as it grows in power.

This first hour or so is extremely stupid, with a plot that doesn't make much sense and characters that are not very

engaging. Luckily, Cruise knows how to be an action star and makes these moments fun, along with Alex Kurtzman's occasionally thrilling direction. Had the entire movie been like the first hour, it would have been an enjoyable mess. But unfortunately, it takes a turn about halfway through.

All of a sudden, Dr. Henry Jekyll (Russell Crowe) — yes, that Dr. Jekyll — saves all of the characters from the villain and captures the mummy in a magical prison. The plot literally stops for about half an hour so Dr. Jekyll can show Morton around his lab and explain to

him the larger world of monsters he is in. This 30-minute derailment serves only to provide an exposition dump, offering no substance to the film and feeling like an advertisement in the midst of the story.

The six different writers on the film attempt to put the pieces back together in the last 20 minutes, but it is already too late. Whatever momentum the film had going for it is gone, and the climax is a hollow shell of explosions and CGI creatures.

Somehow, Universal assembled a great creative team and cast for a two-hour commercial for future movies.

Cruise, Crowe, Boutella and co-writer Christopher McQuarrie are better than this cinematic universe, and hopefully it dies before it even starts.



THE MUMMY

Rating: PG-13

Runtime: 110 minutes

Score: ★★

WORLD

Researchers address maternal health in Mexico

By Acacia Coronado

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In rural Oaxaca, Mexico, pregnancy has become a health risk as maternal mortality rates soar due to a lack of access to information and resources. Now, 11 women have joined forces to make a difference for their communities.

Grupo de estudios sobre la mujer Rosario Castellanos, GESMujer, a women's studies center in Oaxaca, has partnered with Melissa Smith, a UT social work professor, and UT graduate students from the Global Health in Oaxaca study abroad seminar. Dubbed the Community Intervention for Maternal Health, they will look into the region's maternal health and teen pregnancy issues.

"We believe this project contributes to the improvement of health services to make health care more accessible to

women," GESMujer instructional director Maricela Zurita Cruz said. "That might not happen tomorrow, but it is a long-term process and we want to put in our grain of help."

GESMujer president Ximena Avellaneda Diaz said they have chosen 11 women who graduated from a leadership seminar also taught by GESMujer to take part in the project, partly financed by UT's School of Social Work, the Center for Women's and Gender Studies, Teresa Lozano Long Institute of Latin American Studies and African and African Diaspora Studies Department. Each will represent their communities by attending the seminars to learn about maternal health and research techniques and apply their newfound knowledge to research and create a plan to improve their communities' maternal health rights.

"We decided to do a pilot



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GESMujer president Ximena Avellaneda Diaz speaks at a seminar.

program to address the improvement of maternal health ... so they can get to know their rights to quality, friendly maternal health care," Avellaneda Diaz said. "Sometimes people don't realize this is a right they have."

Daniela Bermea, a social work graduate student, said the role of UT students is to

document and synthesize the information collected by the community representatives so that it may be used to fight for maternal health rights in the future.

"If we have healthy moms, we have healthy families," Bermea said. "With healthy families, we have healthy communities."

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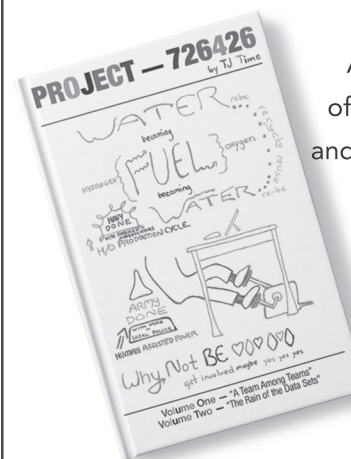
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Students ready for Welch Hall facelift

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A hub of learning and research, a prime study spot, or that outdated building that everyone has chemistry in — Robert A. Welch Hall has been a central point for many College of Natural Sciences students for nearly 90 years, and it's in the process of getting a major facelift.

For the next four years, students taking classes taught in Welch, such as general chemistry and organic chemistry, will be relocated to Burdine Hall and other buildings on campus, according to the renovation website. The recently remodeled wing of Welch facing the Norman Hackerman building will remain open and provide a visual reference for what the future of Welch will look like.

Welch was originally built in 1929 after the campus's former chemistry building burnt down in a blaze of chemical explosions sparked by aging wiring. As the years progressed and UT needed more space for research, new wings were added onto the original building. As of the beginning of fall 2016, the oldest wing in Welch finished renovations and opened up for classes, according to the website.

Electrical engineering sophomore Anh Tran said she was excited for the updates to Welch, a building where she said she endured one of her

calculus courses in one of the older classrooms.

"(Welch is) ugly, outdated and the only good thing about it is that the elevator closes fast," Tran said.

Not only will the technology see an improvement, but the aesthetic of the building will also be enhanced, providing a great place for studying, intellectual discussion and research, according to the website.

Business sophomore Thomas Mayer, though not required to take classes in Welch, said he has utilized the place as a study area and wants to see improvement in the feel of the building.

"The old part has a certain odor and the lighting makes everything look dusty and terrible," Mayer said.

Renovations will finish in 2020, when the new Welch Hall will open to the public.

"In a single phase that keeps costs in check, renovations will knit multiple disciplines together to advance chemistry, biology, physics and technology research," the renovation website stated.

Biology sophomore Tasneem Ahsanullah said she's also looking forward to the renovations.

"I think there could be improvements to the technology in classrooms," Ahsanullah said. "I didn't even know there was going to be a new Welch building."



The oldest wing of Welch Hall, which has been under renovation for over a year, has recently been reopened to the public. The entirety of Welch Hall will undergo renovation with plans to finish construction by 2020.

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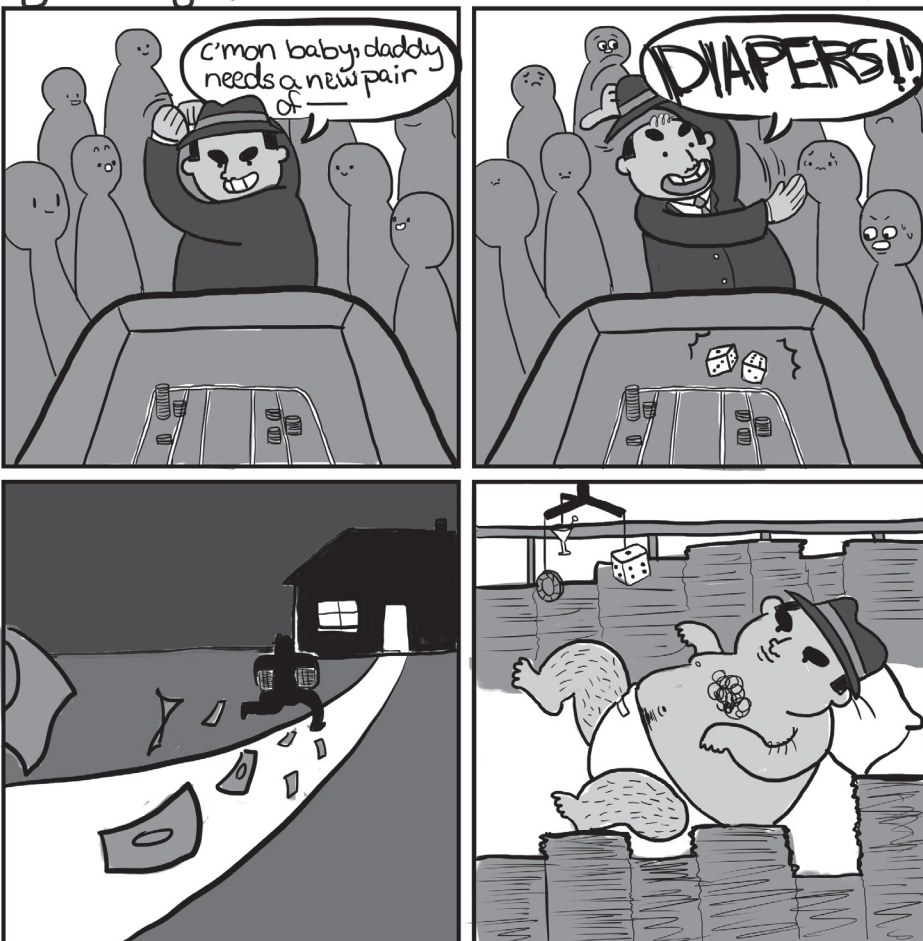
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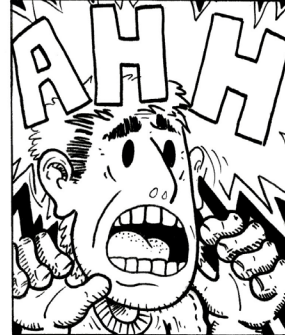


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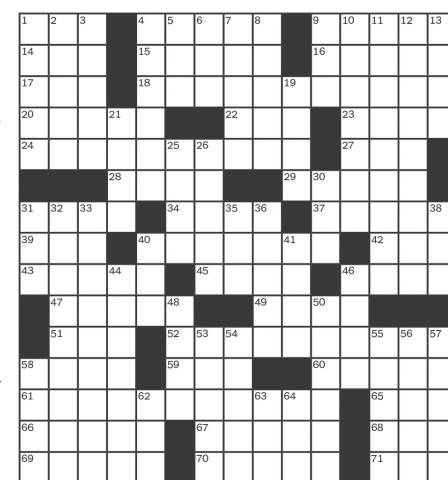
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58 Brief letter
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5 Every last bit
6 Fútbol score
7 Onetime "S.N.L." regular Cheri
8 "That sounds good ... NOT!"
9 Envy or lust
10 Worry
11 Dish in a bowl often served au gratin
12 Tinkler on a porch
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